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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-27627
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-173431
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2002-531743
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-509890
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